

I urge the rejection of NAB's petition 04-160.

I have been a subscriber to XM Radio's satellite service for almost a year, and have found it to be a valuable addition to the range of listening options I enjoy. Specifically, the weather and traffic reports are detailed, timely, and--most importantly--available constantly throughout the day. This provides superior service to the traffic reports offered by AM/FM broadcast radio, and permits me to avoid traffic jams--thus contributing to the public good.

I may add that while I also continue to listen to broadcast radio, in the past (before XM) I often was forced to call the telephone service TellMe (1-800-555-TELL) from my cell phone in order to get traffic reports when I needed them, because AM/FM broadcasters weren't giving me the information I needed. This free service (well, paid for by advertising) also uses the public airwaves, through cell phone service. Will NAB similarly restrict TellMe's ability to provide services to the public, because it competes with their service?

I may also point out that whether XM Radio broadcasts traffic and weather or not, it makes no difference to the amount of the RF spectrum they use. They simply provide more service to their subscribers than AM/FM broadcasters do to the general public with the amount of the public airwaves they use.

Thank you.